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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SOVIET RESOLUTION IN IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE  
ON SOUTH AFRICA

REF: VIENNA 8369

1. DURING INITIAL CALL ON ME BY AMBASSADOR EROFEEV,  
SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
VIENNA, EROFEEV INDICATED THAT SOVIETS WERE PROPOSING  
TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WHICH  
WOULD APPEAL TO SOUTH AFRICA TO AVOID ANY NUCLEAR  
WEAPON TEST. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS PURPOSE WAS A  
PURELY TECHNICAL ONE IN THE INTERESTS OF NON-PROLIFERA-  
TION AND NOT A POLITICAL ONE.

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2. I TOLD EROFEEV THAT I FELT WE WERE IN A VERY  
SENSITIVE STAGE WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND I WOULD  
THEREFORE LIKE TO SEE HIS DRAFT BEFORE GIVING  
DEFINITIVE COMMENTS. I ADVISED HIM IN GENERAL  
TERMS OF OUR RECENT DEMARCHE TO SAG. I ADDED  
THAT I FELT THAT THE CHANCES OF OBTAINING THE  
ACTION WE DESIRED FROM SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE

MORE LIKELY ACHIEVED THROUGH PRIVATE PRESSURES THAN THROUGH MORE PUBLIC ONES. FOR THAT REASON I FELT I HAD TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS REGARDING ANY RESOLUTION.

3. EROFEEV REJOINED THAT HE BELIEVED PRIVATE ASSURANCES IN THEMSELVES WERE NOT SUFFICIENT AND ADDED THAT A RESOLUTION BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ALONG THE LINES HE INTENDED WOULD ALSO SERVE AS A GOOD WARNING FOR OTHER COUNTRIES BESIDES SOUTH AFRICA. WHILE THEY HAD NOT YET PREPARED ANY DRAFT LANGUAGE, EROFEEV SAID THEY WERE THINKING OF AN APPEAL TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO ACCEPT NPT AND TO REFRAIN FROM ANY PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4. EROFEEV SAID HE COULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME AFRICAN STATES MIGHT PRESS FOR A MORE POLITICAL RESOLUTION BUT HE FELT THAT A MORE TECHNICAL RESOLUTION SOLELY DIRECTED TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION ASPECTS MIGHT SERVE TO HEAD OFF A MORE CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL RESOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: I AM INCLINED TO THINK THAT EROFEEV'S PROPOSAL HAS SOME MERIT AND WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT REACTION. SMITH

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